

CLAUSE NOTES

Coroners Amendment Bill 2014

- Clause 1: The short title of this Act is the *Coroners Amendment Act 2014*.
- Clause 2: This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.
- Clause 3: The Principle Act is the *Coroners Act 1995*.
- Clause 4: Amends section 3 (Interpretation) of the Principal Act by:
- omitting reference to section 12 from the definition of *coroner*;
 - inserting a definition of *Director of Public Prosecutions*;
 - omitting the definition of *investigation* and redefining *inquest*;
 - inserting a definition of *medical procedure*;
 - redefining subparagraphs (v) and (vi) in paragraph (a) of the definition of reportable death; and
 - redefining the term *senior next of kin*.
- Clause 5: Inserts section 3A and redefines the term *senior next of kin*.
- Clause 6: Amends section 22 by omitting the words “(other than an inquest)”.
- Clause 7: Amends section 24 by omitting subsection (2) and substituting a new subsection conferring jurisdiction on coroner.

- Clause 8: Inserts a new section 24A conferring jurisdiction on Chief Magistrate.
- Clause 9: Amends section 28(1)(e) to account for the new name of a renamed Act, and repeals section 28(1)(f).
- Clause 10: Amends section 41 by omitting the words “(other than an inquest)”.
- Clause 11: Amends section 58 by omitting the words “other than an inquest”.
- Clause 12: Amends sections 60(2) and (3) by replacing references to “the Crown” with “the Director of Public Prosecutions”.
- Clause 13: Amends section 61(2) by replacing references to “the Crown” with “the Director of Public Prosecutions”.
- Clause 14: Amends section 62(1) by replacing references to “the Crown” with “the Director of Public Prosecutions”.
- Clause 15: Amends section 63 by replacing references to “the Crown” with “the Director of Public Prosecutions”.
- Clause 16: Repeals the Act on the three hundred and sixty fifth day from the day on which it commences.